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at the present time at the quarantine station, owing to the presence there of 70 persons either sick or undergoing detention, together with the necessity of reserving room for other passengers likely to arrive at any time. At this writing, the colonel has decided to take coal by lighter and proceed to Manila, provided no further outbreak occurs in the next seven days. I have made a detail from the station to show those on board how to disinfect properly and in addition to this have rendered them all the assistance possible.

The mail was disinfected by this office at the Channel Wharf prior to delivery to the post-office authorities.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,*  
*In Command.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

#### HONDURAS.

##### *Report from La Ceiba—Fruit port.*

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *April 21, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report for the week ended April 20, 1901.

Four vessels cleared from this port for the United States: April 14, steamship *Dudley*, Anderson; crew, 18; destination, Mobile, Ala.; steamship *Ely*, Corning; crew, 21; destination, New Orleans, La. April 19, steamship *Sunniva*, Johannesen; crew, 14; destination, New Orleans, La.; steamship *Usk*, Hurry; crew, 20; destination, New Orleans, La.

The health of La Ceiba and vicinity continues good.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

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*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

##### *Reports from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.*

PUERTO CORTEZ, *April 16, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the happenings at this port for the week ended Tuesday, April 16. Good health conditions still prevail here. No deaths. The following vessels were dispatched after complying with the regulations:

April 10, steamship *S. Oteri*, Norwegian, master, De Luca; arrived April 9, from New Orleans; crew, 34; passengers, 18; destination, New Orleans via Belize; baggage disinfected, trunks, 5; bags, 9; valises, 11; proper cargo, green fruit. April 11, steamship *Bratten*, Norwegian, master, Hahn; arrived April 7, from Mobile; crew, 15; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; destination, Mobile, Ala. April 13, steamship *España*, Norwegian, master, Danielson; arrived April 12, from Mobile; crew, 10; passengers, 3; cargo, green fruit; baggage, none; special permission granted the 3 passengers making round trip to come ashore during daylight, by Mobile quarantine officer; destination, Mobile direct. April 13, steamship *Uto*, Norwegian, master, Bride; arrived April 11, from Havana; crew, 15; passengers, none; cargo, cattle; destination, Havana direct; issued no certificate to the

*Uto*; countersigned bill of health. April 14, steamship *Foxhall*, American, master, Larsen; arrived April 13, from New Orleans; crew, 25; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; destination, Mobile direct.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *April 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make a report of quarantine work done during the week ended April 23.

Health conditions are excellent—1 death. Dispatched the following vessels after they had complied with regulations: April 17, steamship *Stillwater*, Galt, American; crew, 24; passengers, 8; cargo, green fruit, baggage disinfected; trunks, 1; bags, 4; valises, 4; arrived from New Orleans, April 16; destination, New Orleans. April 20, steamship *Habil*, Goodmansen, Norwegian, crew, 14; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; arrived April 16, from New Orleans; destination, Mobile. April 21, steamship *Adria*, Rasmussen, Norwegian; crew, 15; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; arrived April 18, from Philadelphia; destination, Mobile, direct.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

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PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, *April 9, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to hereby make my report for the week ended April 9. Health of this port and surrounding territory has been excellent; no deaths.

Inspected the following vessels: April 4, steamship *Habil*, Norwegian, Goodmansen, master; arrived, March 31; crew, 14; passengers, none; cargo, green fruit; destination, New Orleans direct. April 8, steamship *Alliance*, Norwegian, Nielsen, master; arrived April 4, crew 15, passengers none, cargo, green fruit; destination, Mobile, Ala., direct.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL HARRIS BACKUS,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

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#### ITALY.

*Reports from Naples—Smallpox in Sicily.*

NAPLES, ITALY, *April 13, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended April 13, 1901, the following ships were inspected:

On April 10, the steamship *Liguria*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 1,355 steerage passengers and 317 pieces of large and 1,700 pieces of small baggage. Three hundred and sixteen pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On April 11, the steamship *Aller*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 867 steerage passengers and 129 pieces of